

SWINDLER'S LAST STORE CLOSED.

The Grocery at No. 301 Spring Street Goes Out of Business.

Goods Carted Away and Kept Out of the Sight of Creditors.

Fixtures and Furniture Sold at Auction by Private Purchasers.

Police Get Hold of One of the Men Connected with the Place.

JOHN E. BOUGH ALSO RETIRES.

Disposes of His Desk and Other Things Belonging to His Office.

At last the gang of swindlers which has been victimizing merchants in all parts of the country from their headquarters in this city has become really frightened. In spite of the disclosures in the Journal and the work of the police, members of the band have been carrying on their frauds as boldly as ever until yesterday morning, when they turned their last store over to an auctioneer and sold every piece of furniture and stock in the place. At the same time John E. Bough, who has been boldly visiting his office, at No. 31 Pine street, every day, sold the desk, chairs, typewriter and other furniture to a second-hand dealer and had them carted away. A man in Centre street bought the stuff for \$55.

The store which the gang had been running as a mask for their frauds was at No. 301 Spring street, and was in the name of M. J. Murray. The latter, however, was an innocent victim in the hands of the gang, and beyond lending his name to what he thought was a reputable business, had nothing to do with the place. The real men back of it were almost the same gang that in the bogus firm of Traglia & Company, which did a big swindling business at No. 152 Reade street. These men are Luke P. Gallagher, J. Levan, John Peck, Henry Seelig and Ambrose Prell. The last named has not appeared in any of the previous swindles of the gang.

Three Short Weeks of Trade.
This store, which went out of business so suddenly that Mr. Murray, who was supposed to own it, did not know of its disappearance until the last of the fixtures had been taken away, was started about three weeks ago. McLaughlin, who is now under arrest and indictment, was the working spirit at the start. It was he who went to Mr. Murray and secured the use of his name. Mr. Murray is in the cut stone business, and had a fair commercial rating. Trade had been dull and in some way this became known to the gang. McLaughlin promptly put in an appearance. He explained that he was the head of the Phoenix Supply Company and that large quantities of goods came to the firm which it was not in a position to handle. As a consequence, he said, he was anxious to establish a house through which the goods could be profitably disposed of.

Murray agreed. He was not asked to put any money into the scheme. All that he was to do was to appear as the nominal head of the concern and vouch for it whenever it became necessary. Under these terms the store was opened. Murray was there scarcely any of the time, and the management was left to the gang. The store was the chief, with Levan, under his real name, posing as the partner of Murray. As soon as the store was opened, the real tactics of the gang were resorted to. The list of shippers, which had been made up by Traglia & Company, were brought into service, and letters were sent to the subscribers, asking them to send their orders to the new store. The goods were not so much received at the store than they were carted away, and the gang went on in a search for their property.

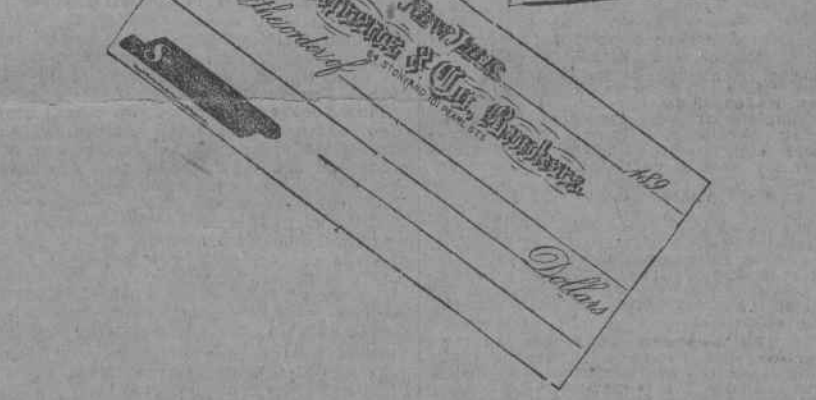
But not content with their country victims, the gang went to many city houses and solicited goods on credit. **One Firm Didn't Bite.** Among other firms they applied to Thomas J. Lipton, dealer in teas, coffee and cocoa at No. 80 Front street. His agent was sent to ascertain the standing of the firm and was given the usual references. He had read of "Behrens & Co." and was not satisfied. So he asked for others, and the Twenty-third Ward Bank was named. An inquiry at the bank brought the reply that the officials could in no way vouch for the firm. On this account no goods were sold to the new concern.

But other firms in the city were not so fortunate. Big bills were secured from many houses, and as no security was given the gang went on with their work. Last week, however, the members of the firm began to see trouble ahead on account of the exposures in the Journal. So preparations were made to sell out.

Enough goods were left on the shelves to make a showing and the rest, together with all that came in, were carted away. The fixtures and furniture were not being sold for, but the swindlers did not want to lose any money, so they hunted up a second-hand dealer and disposed of the lot to him. The man they secured was Milton Newteller, of No. 70 East Eighth street. He paid \$85 for them. Then he sold them to J. Schoeps, of No. 755 East Eighth street for \$102.50. To the bill of sale given Newteller was signed the name "M. J. Murray, per Levan." In one corner was written, "Witness, A. Ambrose Prell."

Early yesterday morning the gang were on hand ready to watch the formal closing of the store. A truck was secured and the few groceries remaining in the place were carted away. Then everything was turned over to Schoeps, who sold it at auction.

A Detective Got the Key. Schoeps had been given the key of the store and asked to deliver it, when everything had been sold, to Prell, who would wait in the cigar store of the St. Clair Hotel, at Franklin and Hudson streets. But he did not deliver it. Before he had a chance some of the detectives who had been after the swindlers for weeks, appeared, and the key was given to them.



Swindlers Abandoning Their Last New York Store.
The grocery partly owned by McLaughlin at No. 301 Spring street, and which was used as a cloak for fraudulent operations, was closed yesterday and the key is in the hands of a detective. Some telltale evidence in checks and cards was found.

When Prell received it was from a detective, who took him to the District Attorney's office to tell him that he knows about the store and the men who ran it. Among the papers found in the store were some that gave additional proof of the fact that District Attorney Backus made a mistake when he turned John H. Peck loose last week. As has been told, Peck got drunk last Thursday and wandered over to Brooklyn. There, in a spirit of bravado, he gave himself up to the police and said he was wanted for complicity in the swindles of the gang. Peck was John Manning, who said that he, too, had helped in the swindles. The police decided that the men were dangerous, and did not want to lock them up, but Peck and Manning were insisted and were finally put into a cell. They were sober before they were released. When they were taken before District Attorney Backus they had forgotten all that they had said the night before and could not remember anything about any swindle. Mr. Backus did not question them very closely and did not send word to the police in this city that men were under arrest. They were finally turned loose. Since then the police have looked for them in vain.

Peck was posing as a dealer in country produce at the same place, where the Murray store was being run. Business cards and letter heads left behind show that one firm in one store was not enough and that the gang were operating under two names in the same place. **Grand Jury at Work.** Assistant District Attorney Battle and the Grand Jury were busy yesterday with witnesses who had been summoned to testify to the different frauds of the gang. Among them were J. H. Baker, C. H. Lawrence, John Conklin and M. J. Murray, whose name was used in the latest fraud. Mr. Murray said his only active connection with the firm was in giving two orders for goods, which he had countermanded as soon as he had learned from the Journal that his partners were mixed up in the swindles. McLaughlin and his companion, Cora, alias Daisy Hampton, have not yet been brought to this city. Requisition papers are expected to-day, and they will be taken before the Grand Jury.

DINGLEY BILL'S CHANCES.
Democrats Willing to Have It Passed, but CA's Republicans Are Lukewarm.

Washington, Nov. 16.—If the Republicans are sincere in their desire to increase the revenues of the Government by the passage of the Dingley bill, ample opportunity will be given them this winter. Democrats like Senator Bland, and probably Senators Murphy, Smith, Palmer, Caffery and Vilas will withdraw their former opposition and let the bill go to the President, whose opposition is anything but rancorous.

The Wilson bill still continues to yield a deficit. The longer it runs the stronger, the Republicans hold, will be their excuse for the general tariff revision which is to be President McKinley's backbone of faith in coming prosperity. To increase the revenues of the Government, the Wilson bill, so it may come about that Republican interest in the Dingley bill will be dead when Congress meets.

HANNA'S NAME ON THE CABINET LIST.

Rumor Accords Him the Treasury Portfolio, but He Is Silent.

He Asserts, However, That He Never Said He Would Not Accept Office.

Congressman Boutelle Calls at Canton and Talks About the Navy's Condition.

TWO MORE EAGLES FOR MCKINLEY.

Given Winter Quarters in the City Park. Mrs. McKinley Well Enough to Go for a Short Drive with Her Husband.

MCKINLEY'S PROBABLE CABINET. Secretary of the Treasury—MARK A.

Club, of Chicago, to Major McKinley to-day asking his presence at a banquet on November 21. Major McKinley has declined all similar invitations, and probably will not accept this one, although it was cordially received and taken under advisement.

Senator John Sherman, in his letter of congratulation to Major McKinley, said: "I am rather late in expressing to you my hearty congratulations for your election as President of the United States, but they are as sincere and hearty as ever. The greatest beneficiaries of the result of the election are the people of the United States, for they have secured a real savior in the threatened election of Bryan and the Socialist idea he represented. You will enter upon your great office with the most hopeful promises of success, and I confidently believe you will meet and perform your important duties to the satisfaction of the conservative people of the United States."

Local Financiers Strongly Favor McKinley's Campaign. Manager for Secretary of the Treasury. Several prominent men were interviewed on the subject of Mark Hanna accepting the Treasury portfolio, and this is what was said:

Henry Clews—Narcissus! Mr. Hanna's exhibition of business ability and level-headedness during the recent political campaign is ample evidence of his fitness to fill the position of Secretary of the Treasury, and I am quite sure his appointment would give general satisfaction. Mr. Hanna is entitled to any position he may desire in the President-elect McKinley's scope to bestow.

James Seligman—I know Mr. Hanna well. He would make an A1 Secretary of the Treasury. There could not possibly be a better man for the position. I do not, however, believe that he wants it. I think he really wants to have no office at all, but if he should want to have the Treasury portfolio, he ought by all means to have it. He is fitted for the position in every particular. He has capacity; he has honesty; he has ability. He has had broad and formative experience. His conduct of the recent campaign is alone enough to plainly show what he can do, but I have known him for a long time previous to that. I should be greatly pleased to hear of his being tendered and accepting the Treasury, for I am sure that it would not only be a deserved tribute to an able man, but would be for the benefit of the national finances.

George G. Williams—Not having met Mr. Hanna personally, I am not qualified to express any opinion of value. I have, of course, like everybody else, heard and read a great deal about him, and from all that I have heard and read, I think that he is undoubtedly a man of great ability, and one who has shown a marked capacity for the management of large affairs. His management of the late campaign was really a masterpiece. While, through not knowing him, I cannot say that he is the best man for the Treasury, I have no reason to think that he is not the right man. I understand that the financial conduct of the late campaign was remarkable, as well as his general management, but the financial credit no doubt belongs materially to Mr. Hanna, the treasurer. But Mr. Hanna is certainly a remarkable man.

HERE'S A NEW DEFENCE.
Man Accused of Embezzlement Says He Has Been in a Trance for Weeks.—Crossed the Continent.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Henry T. Clarke, of New Haven, Conn., surrendered to the police of this city yesterday, and is now in the city prison on a charge of embezzlement. He tells a most extraordinary story of having been in a trance for about seven weeks. During that time he travelled across the continent, and yet he declares that he knows absolutely nothing about it all until yesterday morning, when he came to his senses in the bedroom of a local hotel.

On September 20, Treadwell Smith, Superintendent of Police, of New Haven, sent a letter to Chief Crowley, of San Francisco, stating that Clarke was wanted there on a charge of embezzlement of \$4,000 in cash and \$300 in checks, belonging to his employers, Peck & Bishop, transfer, freight and ticket agents, at the Union Station. He disappeared, and it was believed he was seeking his way to this city. Yesterday evening Clarke called at Police Headquarters and reported his condition. He was shown Chief Smith's letter, and after perusing it broke down.

He said he had no recollection of taking the money or checks, and the last thing he remembered was kissing his wife good night before he left home for the office on the morning of September 25. Since then everything has been a blank to him. He is prepared to return to New Haven without requisition papers.

Some men have trouble; married men, mostly. It generally begins about clothes. Bring your wife to us. Let her help you choose one of our dressey Business sack suits in a stylish plaid. Not loud, but quiet effects. To-day's special price is \$10.00

You'd expect them to cost considerably more. You'll soon learn that our way is to give customers more than they expect.

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THREE (279 Broadway, near Chambers. 47 Cortlandt, near Greenwich. STORES (211 Sixth Ave., near 14th St.

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CURTAINS.
SPECIAL SALE (THIS WEEK!) 22nd LACES (trim, Points and Tassels) at \$5.00 the pair; worth \$7.50 to \$10. Also old pairs in DERBIES to close out at half value.

Fine Parlor Furniture.
SUITS, ODD PIECES AND COUCHES, in our own upholstery, at prices far below the cost for similar goods.

SHEPPARD KNAPP & CO.
SIXTH AVE., 13TH AND 14TH STS.

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Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Patent your idea; they may bring you wealth. With JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., DENT, P. J. Patent Attorneys, Westbury, N. Y., for a list of 1,000 inventions wanted.

LURED FROM FRANCE.

Pretty Girl Brought to New York Causes the Arrest of Three Persons.

Angelina Le Saint, a pretty French girl who was found in West Fourth street early yesterday morning, crying bitterly, was brought to New York here in the steamer of the French liner La Touraine last Saturday. Her story, told in French at the Charles Street Station, whither Police Commissioner Bled, conducted her, resulted in the arrest of Eugene Briand, a steward on the French liner, and Louis Dubois, No. 15 Sixth avenue, and Louise Dubois, who is alleged to be Masse's wife.

They were charged in Jefferson Market Court yesterday with abducting Angelina. The girl lived in Havre and supported her aged father. Steward Briand told her Monsieur Masse, of New York, wanted a hospital nurse, and \$20 a week would be paid. She accepted the offer.

At Ellis Island Peter Masse claimed the girl as his sister-in-law and took her to No. 15 Sixth avenue. From there "a big man with whiskers" conducted her to the room to which she was taken was unlocked, and she, suspecting the worst, dashed into the hall and gained the street before the man could follow.

Steward Briand said Masse had paid him to bring over a handsome girl and had furnished the passage money. The three prisoners were taken before United States Commissioner Shields, who held them in \$3,500 bail for examination to-day.

Woman Fatally Burned.
Plainfield, N. J., Nov. 16.—While attempting to start a fire in a store to-day Mrs. Philip Radin, 57 Jefferson avenue, was horribly burned by her clothes catching fire. She was taken to the Muhlenberg Hospital, and it is thought she cannot survive the injuries.

Barbers Want State Examiners.
Albany, N. Y., Nov. 16.—It is announced here to-day that the Barbers' Union of the State will present to the next Legislature a bill to provide for a State Board of Examiners to license all barbers, after the manner of the State Barbers' Board, provided for by the Plum Bill last winter.

THE FIRST MONDAY AT WANAMAKER'S
It was a Monday of great promise. There was scant courtesy in the short time allowed by our invitation to the store. But New York responded promptly and generously with smiles, compliments and promises. The promises are good—we take them without indorsement, for we know they will be redeemed by prosperous business in the days to come.

At the opening hour the crowds began to come, and great flocks of people passed through our hospitable building all day.

Many were ambitious to be the first to purchase, to open an account or to assist in the first day's success. Members of old families drove down to renew with the old store the old familiarity that long acquaintance had developed into a sentimental sense of ownership.

Newspaper men saw in the throngs what a notice only twenty-four hours old would do to help the new enterprise if placed in the proper newspaper.

Neighboring merchants came to express satisfaction in the revived life of the vicinity, and to say they were "so glad that the old doors were open for business again."

Down-town business men, bankers, lawyers and judges brought their words of welcome with the closing hours of the day. It was pleasant to hear the compliments that were passed around, but none so pleased us as "The great stock and generous service with the general air of refinement everywhere apparent makes it seem like the old days when A. T. Stewart was here."

There is a high ideal in this business—we shall work hard to give it full and complete expression.

Did the store appear well yesterday? It will be a better store to-day, and still better to-morrow. If the store is worthy of the city—New York deserves the best—it will, in its way, aid in the making of the Greater New York.

This week is so much of an "At Home" time that we would be content to pass it all in making acquaintance, even if we did not sell a single dollar's worth of goods.

There are no sensations now, nor will there be. But there will be no stagnation.

The power is in the best collections of the best and newest merchandise to be sold at just such prices as we can and do continually make—always in the interest of the retail buyer—the sort of goods that will be speedily sought by people who want really good articles for personal uses, or for housefurnishing and decoration.

New stock in abundance for these three sorts of feet.

WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND SMALL BOYS' SHOES
We mean to excel in shoes by repeating here the policy of our Philadelphia store. We also have some Hilton, Hughes & Co. Shoes—about \$30,000 worth. We have added, to complete sizes, about \$10,000.00 worth more. This section of the shoe stock amounts to \$40,000.00. It was one of the few stocks not removed. They are to be removed—at average HALF PRICES.

Well worth the attention of all having to buy for women, girls, small boys.

Second floor.
As a popular introduction to the Chinaware store we ask attention to the following short list of decorated Dinner Sets. Dainty in decoration, accurate in form, perfect in finish, and extraordinary in cheapness—they should delight the heart of many an economical housekeeper.

American porcelain, semi-vitrous body, dainty flower decorations, 100 pieces, \$10, 113 pieces, \$12.
Crown Austrian China, four flower decorations, 113 pieces, \$16.
Crown Austrian China, Lily of the Valley decoration, border pattern, 113 pcs., \$22.50.
Suzhou China, the most durable made, dainty shapes, 2 decorations, 113 pcs., \$22.50.
Haviland China, beautiful flower decorations, gold on handles, 113 pcs., \$22.50.

Basement.
ORIENTAL RUGS. richness from sunrise land. Interested? The collection appeals to every lover of these mellow weaves, and we sell Rugs as we sell all other kinds of goods—as cheaply as we can. Every piece is marked plainly with its selling price. Bits of Carpet news:

30 styles best grade Axminster Carpets, new for the season. \$1.25. You've known them at \$1.50.
21 styles Axminster Carpets, a new quality of this favorite that has appeared within the month. 90c.
35 styles regular grade Body Brussels Carpets, \$1 instead of \$1.25.
12 styles of next best grade Brussels, 90c.
25 styles "extra" Tapestry Brussels Carpets, 65c; usual price of lower grade.

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